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Re: In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to the Commission to endorse the recommendation of the Joint Board on Universal Service to place an interim, emergency cap on the amount of high-cost universal service support that competitive eligible telecommunications carriers may receive. CLEC and wireless calls ride on the networks that have been built by the wireline companies and without these networks, wireless communications would not work.

Pierce Telephone Co., Inc. appreciates the leadership of Commissioner Tate and the other members of the Joint Board and Staff as they consider the difficult questions associated with the distribution mechanism for universal service support.

I believe that this first step is the best way to begin a process to preserve universal service for the benefit of consumers in Nebraska. Without this critical action and leadership on the part of the Joint Board the benefits that universal service provides to my rural customers would be in serious jeopardy. Please consider the Joint Board's recommendation of an emergency, temporary freeze on the support for CLECs based upon 2006 levels.

Sincerely,

CC:

Mary Jane Fogle, President.

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